New guidelines for SGRY

670. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued new guidelines for the Sampoorna Grammeen Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had appointed Area Officers for different States and that national level monitors have also been appointed for the implementation of the above scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The guidelines of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) have been revised from 1.4.2004 for better implementation of the Scheme. The main changes are as follows:—

(i) Streams-I & II have been merged and SGRY now is a unified scheme. But distribution of resources among the District Panchayat, Intermediate Panchayats and Village Panchayats in a district will be in the ratio of 20:30:50 as before;

(ii) In the event of non or less availability of funds or foodgrains, Implementing Agencies can use more of what is available with them for wage payment.

(iii) District Panchayats can utilize upto Rs. 1 lakh for training/capacity building of officials/non-officials of the PRIs involved in the implementation of SGRY;

(iv) Constitution of Monitoring Committee of Villagers for each work is mandatory.

(c) and (d) The Ministry has introduced an Area Officer's Scheme which aims at monitoring the major programmes of the Ministry, including SGRY, by its own officers with special reference to quality, adherence to implementation of funds schedule, flow of funds, proper utilization of funds and achievement of physical and financial targets etc: through field visits. Officers under this scheme are allotted specific States for field visits and reporting.

With a view to ensuring transparency and efficacy in the implementation of Rural Development Programme, including SGRY, the Ministry has prepared a panel of National Level Monitors involving Senior Level Ex-Servicemen and Retired Civil Servants to monitor the policy and implementation environments of the programmes at the grass root level. National Level Monitors shall also be required to look into various specific complaints regarding implementation of programmes, as and when required by this Ministry.

Pending projects under Total Sanitation Programmes

671. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of project proposals regarding implementation of Total Sanitation Programme of various States are pending with the Central Government, for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, year-wise;

(c) the total allocation sought for by the State Governments for each project;

(d) the reasons for keeping the proposals pending; and

(e) the steps taken by the Central Government to clear these important projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (e) State Governments have sent proposals for sanction of TSC projects in 465 districts of the country in last three years and till date. Out of these, TSC projects have been sanctioned for 341 districts so far. In remaining 124 districts, fund @ Rs. 10.00 lakhs, each have been sanctioned for conducting Base Line Survey and preparing detailed project report. Out of these, project reports in respect of 16 districts of Jharkhand State and one of Gujarat State have been received recently which are under process for sanction. The project-wise allocation sought by State Govt, for these projects is given in the Statement.